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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

11:00 AM ISABELLA MARTA JEAN MEYER BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND, 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 6TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

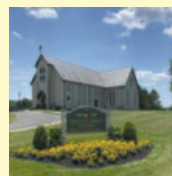
8:00 AM MASS
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM KIDS CLUB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

10:00 AM GRACE MARIA CONNOLLY BAPTISM
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING
12:00 PM — 2:00 PM KOFC CUF DEGREE CEREMONY




*We would like to welcome:
Ms. Joann Radovich
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord (CJLPI)



World Marriage Day
 is February 9, 2025

JOIN US AS ST. CATHERINE'S CELEBRATES WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK HONORING THE LIFELONG COMMITMENT OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES DURING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8-9.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES PRIOR TO EACH MASS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AND A BOTTLE OF WINE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY PHOTOS OF OUR MARRIED COUPLES (YOUR WEDDING DAY AND A FAMILY PHOTO) IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR FRAMED WEDDING PHOTO AS WELL AS A RECENT PHOTO OF YOU MARKED WITH YOUR NAMES AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED. THERE WILL BE A BIN DOWNSTAIRS TO PLACE THE FRAMES. WE ASK THAT YOU BRING THEM BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH. ALL PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL ROCHA AT CROCHA@HCRHS.ORG; OR 908-616-2397.

Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH at the 11:00 am MASS



All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send us your name and wedding date to Tee at: tandersen@scoschurch.org



Be still with Him so He can encounter us and let His presence overflow our hearts and mind.

John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me!"

JOIN US FOR
 An evening of worship Music, Teaching, Thanksgiving, and Prayers for Healing.

Each night will feature:
 • Praise and Worship Music provided by ADH MUSIC
 • Teaching and sharing from a noted presenter and speaker
 • Prayers for healing
 • Fellowship

Location: St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church - Parish Center - Flemington, NJ

Dates: Thursdays: January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 24th, May 19th - 7:00pm

Scan the QR CODE for a reservation

Homeschool parents are cordially invited to the inaugural meeting of our diocesan

HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

January 14, 2025
 6:30PM - 8:30PM
 St. Theodore RC Church
 855 Route 57
 Port Murray, NJ

Fr. Gilbert Starcher
 Coordinator of Homeschool Ministry

- Ministry Vision
- Events/Activities
- Free Resource for Homeschool parents: Franciscan.at.Home

Scan To Register:




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FROSTY Skate

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025
 4:30 - 6:30 PM
 at the **Frenchtown Roller Rink**
 Route 29, Frenchtown



Admission is free!
Fill out the sign-up form in Fellowship Hall.
Rental Fee: Skates \$2 ♦ In-line Skates \$3
Mark the date and bring the whole family for a few hours of roller skating fun!
The snack bar will be open.
To reserve your space email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Join Our Families with Young Children Email List



As Father Chester says,
"Our families are our future."

We know that raising little ones can be both a joy and a challenge, and we want to support our families in their faith journey. The spirituality committee will be offering a variety of events to help you connect with other families in the same season of life. Whether it's a family-friendly coffee and bagel meet up after mass, or a group parent dinner to discuss faith topics, there is something for everyone.

Sign up for all Families with Young Children event updates using this QR code:



Immaculate Conception School Open House

Immaculate Conception School in Annandale invites you to tour our campus during our **Catholic Schools Week**.

Open Houses, either on **Sunday, January 26th from 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM** or on **Wednesday, January 29th, from 8:15 AM — 11:15 AM**. Each family will be offered a tour of all school facilities and will be able to meet our teachers, our principal, Mrs. Fortunato, and parent representatives. You will hear details about our educational programs, get answers to your questions, and receive registration information for the 2025-2026 school year. Please RSVP for a specific time window at <https://www.icsannandale.org/visit>

As the only Catholic School in Hunterdon County, Immaculate Conception School seeks to foster in each student spiritual growth, academic excellence, and moral integrity. We offer exceptional educational programs within a supportive, faith-filled community for students aged two through 8th grade. With a growing enrollment and innovative programming, we invite you, too, to discover the ICS difference!

To learn more visit our website (<https://www.icsannandale.org/>) or call 908-735-6334.

A Life Changing Invite! Please SAVE THE DATE! FEB. 1st, 2025: ICC Men's Cornerstone Event

"BROTHERS IN FAITH." A ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL REVIVAL (Donation \$55)

Scan the QR Code to Register or to Receive More Information Email
cornerstoneM419@gmail.com



Our January Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

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| Bruce & AnnaMarie DeRites | Donald & Alicia Johnson |
| Kevin & Margaret Hackett | Richard & Stephanie Joyce |
| Wayne & Cathy Hartmann | Enrique & Wanda Perez |
| Thomas & Joanne Hyland | |

Knights of Columbus 2025 March for Life



The Knights of Columbus will be having a bus going on **Friday, January 24th** to Washington, D.C.

The bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale at 7:00 AM with another pick up in Flemington at 7:30 AM in the Harbor Freight RT 206 parking lot.

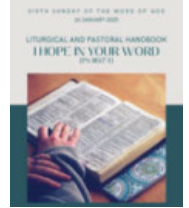
The cost will be \$75 per adult which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email smithbuilders@hotmail.com

BLESSING OF BIBLES ON

JANUARY 25th & 26th

Instituted by Pope Francis, to remind us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for Christian life. Please your own Bibles to Mass for a Blessing.



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 5th at noon

We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

- Jan. TBD** — St Timothy Awards, Metuchen, NJ
- Jan. 5th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Devil vs Satan Take 2
- Jan. 19th 9:30 AM** — Family Mass/Roller Skating, Frenchtown Rink
- Feb. 29th TBD** — Retreat — Kearny, NJ
- Mar. 14th** — Soup and Stations. Watch for Sign Ups
- Mar. 16th 9:30 AM** — Family Mass
- Mar. 16th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Chik-Fil-A - Leadership Meeting
- Mar. 30th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Open Mike Night
- Apr. 12th — 17th** — Mission Trip, Appalachia
- Apr. 29th 6:00 — 7:30 PM** — Feast of St Catherine
- May 2025** — Youth Rally. Meet in SCOS Parking Lot
- July 2025 10:00 — 3:00 PM** — Tubing Down Delaware Frenchtown, NJ
- Field Trip TBD** — Sight & Sound, Lancaster, PA

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 4, 2025

4:30 PM Memorial Mass for Knights of Columbus
Council #15217
r/o The Knights of Columbus

Sunday: January 5, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

9:30 AM Rick Webster
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

11:00 AM Beatrice Susi
r/o The Mauro Family

Monday: January 6, 2025

8:00 AM John Sideravage
r/o Fr. Chester

Tuesday: January 7, 2025

8:00 AM John Sideravage
r/o Pat & Pat Dziubek

Wednesday: January 8, 2025

7:00 PM David Lance
r/o Mike & Stephanie Pierce

Thursday: January 9, 2025

8:00 AM Pearl Fitzsimons
r/o Maryjane Staats

Friday: January 10, 2025

8:00 AM Nabil Nassef
r/o The Pasquarella Family

Saturday: January 11, 2025

4:30 PM Thank you to all the Usher Committee
Members
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday: January 12, 2025

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Eleanor Peterson
r/o The Lauchaire Family

11:00 AM Alma Jackson
r/o Mary & Mike Mitariten

From the Pastor's Desk The Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This is one of the Feasts of the Manifestations of Christ to others after His birth. But the manifestations were accepted by those who were witnesses. And those witnesses would give witness to others. Our world today is in great need of people who will witness for their faith in Christ.

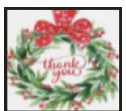
When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen, and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers, friends, and all who we meet throughout the week. We mark our doorways this weekend to help us remember that.

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthazar, Melchior, and Kaspar. We mark above our doorways: K + M + B + 2025 to remind us that in this year of 2025 we are called to reveal the Lord's presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago.

Like the Magi, we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. Everybody has to search for the Lord. We can never be content with our personal relationship with Christ. Sometimes our relationship is broken; we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us re-establish that relationship with Jesus and with one another. The gifts God asks of us are Faith, Hope, and Love. Just as the Magi manifested their love through giving gifts, so should we manifest our love through our prayers and acts of charity.

As we begin 2025, let us work as individuals and as a people of God to constantly grow closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr. Chester



The collection for December 22nd was \$6,169.00 (135 envelopes) for the regular collection. The next few collections will be posted later in the year.



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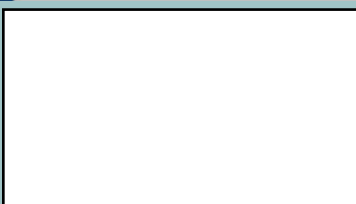
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